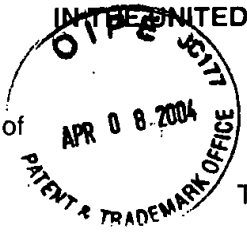


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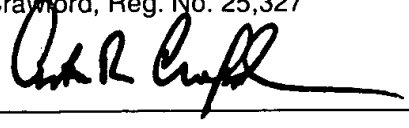
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 14, 2004, please amend the
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